

INTRODUCING OUR FIRST YEAR-ROUND RABBINIC INTERN, REUBEN ZELLMAN

Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

One of the facts at Sha'ar Zahav about which we often boast is the number of congregants we have sent off to Rabbinic school. Just in the six years I have been here, we have said Mazel Tov to eight people. This is not typical of most congregations! And yet, while we have said goodbye to some of our most talented and devoted lay leaders, it has been with a sense of deep satisfaction, knowing that our influence on their decision was more than incidental.

In six years CSZ has said mazel tov to eight rabbinical students.

Our goodbyes have also been said with the hope that they may not be forever. The past two summers, we have

welcomed back Dev Felder Noily, a former congregant (and now a prize-winning darshan), as our summer student rabbi. This year, we are fortunate enough to have Reuben Zellman with us, not only for the summer but for the entire year. Reuben will begin July 7.

Many of us have followed Reuben's path to the rabbinate. Reuben graduated with High Distinction in General Scholarship from U.C. Berkeley in 2001 with a BA in Linguistics. From Cal he went on to study theory and classical voice at San Francisco State University, where he received the Pone Music Scholarship. During these years, he made time to teach at what was then Sha'ar Zahav's Kadimah program.

Enrolling at Hebrew Union College's rabbinic program was a big step for Reuben, as he became the first transgendered rabbinical student. It's been

three years since then, a period in which Reuben has not only pursued his rabbinic studies but ably served our sibling congregation Beth Simchat Torah in New York as their Cooperberg-Rittmaster Rabbinic Intern 05-06, Children's Educator 04-05, and Cantorial Intern during the summer of 2005. He has spent the last year co-facilitating the New York City Queer Beit Midrash and is currently creating an online project for Mosaic, translating and annotating classic Jewish texts concerning Transgender and Intersex issues.

I'd like to welcome Reuben. I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone in the congregation to use Reuben's example to explore how you can step forward into a richer experience of your own Judaism. And I'd like to encourage you to use Reuben's year with us to learn, share, and teach with this remarkable person.

WELCOME TO MARY JANE EISENBERG, CSZ's NEW EDUCATOR!

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav extends a warm welcome to our new Director of Children and Family Education, Mary Jane Eisenberg. Most recently, Mary Jane has been the managing director of the Joe Goode Performance Group, as well as the lead sixth-grade teacher at Congregation Emanu-el. Prior to 1999, she danced for ten years with her own troupe in L.A. She also has a law degree, and her B.A. from UC Berkeley is in Peace and Conflict Studies. Recently, she talked with the Jewish Gaily Forward about her past, present and future.

JGF: I heard that along with getting this new job at CSZ, you also are getting married!

MJ: My partner Alyson and I have

been together for 13 years, and had been wanting to do this for a while. We decided now is the time. [They got married June 20, 2006].

JGF: I'm told you've been a lawyer, a dancer, an educator. Wow!

MJ: I've been a dancer—well, I've done everything in the dance world. I've danced, I've choreographed, I've run my own company, I've taught. And I've been an educator: at Congregation Emanu-el I've been the sixth-grade teacher there for the last six years. As far as being a lawyer... I graduated law school, but I never worked as a lawyer. I came out of law school not wanting to do that! Instead, I became an arts administrator and dancer.

JGF: What's prompting you to make the transition from the dance world to the Jewish education world?

MJ: It's been a slow process. Six years ago at Emanu-el I took a class for congregants who were interested in becoming teachers, and then started teaching sixth grade. That was an eye-opening and exciting year.

I find myself now doing things that, if you asked me ten years ago, I would not have said, oh, that's where I'm heading. I followed my passion, and found out I had a much bigger desire than I knew I did. I found myself wanting to make a real difference in young people's lives and sharing with them my passion for Judaism and wanting them to have a

WHAT DO JEWS DO DURING THE SUMMER?



Most of my Rabbinic colleagues begin to enjoy the down-time of summer once Shavuot and Confirmation have been observed. At Sha'ar Zahav, we have the whole month of June to celebrate, commemorate and anticipate the freedoms of being GLBT. But what about the months of July and August? What fortifies the Jewish spirit in this season?

All of us look forward to the wonderful days of summer. Whatever our age, the season has a way of stretching out time a bit. The longer days beckon us to be out of doors. Whether true or not, summer seems like the time when we will be able to do things we have wanted to do all year.

The Bible celebrates summer by proclaiming the wonders of nature: "Now the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The blossoms have appeared in the land." Obviously, the biblical author did not spend summers in San Francisco. Nevertheless, our ancestors, who lived more intimately with nature than we, saw God's marvels in the interconnectedness of the natural world. The Psalmist expressed nature's oneness with these words, "You make springs gush forth in torrents; they make their way between hills, giving drink to all the wild beasts; the birds of the sky dwell beside them and sing among the foliage. The high mountains are for wild goats...."

The out-of-doors is surely the best of all religious texts. If we humans but open our eyes to natural beauty, we too feel linked to the great unifying forces of nature. It is with this in mind that I want to invite you to experiment with prayer this summer. Jewish prayer takes the form of gratitude. Where more than in nature's bounty can we feel thankful for the gift of life? Here are some examples from our prayer book that might inspire you. Your own words are the sweetest offerings.

Ma Rabu Ma-asecha Adonai! Kulam B'Chochmah Asita; Malah Ha'aretz Kin-ya-necha.

How manifold are Your works, O God! In wisdom You have made

them all; the earth is full of Your creations.

Ashira L'Adonai B'Chayei; Azimrah L'Elohai B'odi.

I will sing to the Divine Spirit all my days; I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

To better understand the prayers that exist in our Jewish liturgical reservoir, I recommend the series *My People's Prayerbook* edited by my teacher, Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman and published by Jewish Lights. The eight volumes examine traditional prayers and offer the insights of twelve modern commentators.

Most of all nature teaches us the enduring values of dignity and truth. Nature is honest, sometimes brutal, always real. So it is with great literature.

Nature can be unforgiving and challenging; it is also rewarding, fulfilling and inspiring. So, too a great read. Which brings me to my second summer suggestion: take time to read a fabulous Jewish book. Some of my current favorites include: *Outwitting History* by Aaron Lansky, *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss, *Song of the Self: Biblical Spirituality and Human Holiness* by Carol Ochs, and finally *The Ten Challenges: Spiritual Lessons from the Ten Commandments for Creating Meaning, Growing, and Richness Every Day of Your Life* by Leonard Felder.

Summer is here, friends. May you enjoy its leisure, embrace its beauty and share its wonder with those you love. That's the best recipe for nourishing a Jewish spirit I can offer.

The synagogue and our library are open all summer, every Shabbat, year round.

L'hitra'ot!

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

A STICKUM COVENANT

Ora Prochovnick

This column is based on the Installation

drash Ora gave this past Shavuot.

I realized as I was preparing this Shavuot drash for my installation as CSZ's next president that I was on the bima giving my very first drash exactly 36 years ago today at my bat mitzvah. I was especially excited by the possibility that I could just recycle my bat mitzvah drash. That's a sign of good presidential skills—perfecting strategies for time management. But regrettably, since I think age 13 was my intellectual peak, the words I spoke at my bat mitzvah have been lost to posterity.

Back then, I spoke of the connection between the story of Ruth, why it has become our tradition to read that story on Shavuot (the celebration of the giving of Torah), and my own bat mitzvah. Because of her great love for Naomi and feeling of connection, Ruth made a lifetime commitment to Naomi and to the Jewish people with the famous words that are the best known passage in the story:

"Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live; your people shall be my people and your God shall be my God. Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried."

This beautiful megilah is read on Shavuot because the Jewish people's receipt of the Torah and acceptance of a life of mitzvot at Sinai also was an act of commitment and entry into a covenantal relationship. On my Bat Mitzvah, I was committing myself to an adulthood in the Jewish world. And now, in accepting this office of president, I am once again entering into a committed covenantal relationship—with my community—with Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, with the URJ and the greater Jewish community, with my fellow synagogue leaders, with the Eternal.

The revelation at Sinai is itself not an event which stands alone—it is the culmination of the exodus from Egypt. Exodus leads to revelation. In the same

vein, at the end of the reading of Megilat Ruth, we are told that Ruth is a direct ancestor of King David. The Davidic line, meant to culminate in the Messiah, is a symbol of world transformation and redemption. Ruth's journey to relationship leads to redemption.

Like Ruth, like the Israelites at Sinai, we are all Jews by choice.

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, in *The Book of Words*, has a wonderful teaching about redemption: He speaks about his mother's practice of collecting S & H Green Stamps. My mother did too. The stamps came in small, perforated sheets and were given out by the stores in proportion to each dollar spent. After we came home from shopping it was my and my siblings' job to lick the stamps and paste them into little newsprint booklets—perhaps the continuous exposure to the glue on those stamps explains a lot about my current mental state. When we filled a shoe box, we would take all those books filled with sticky, saliva-encrusted stamps to the local S & H Green Stamp Redemption Center where you could exchange this basically worthless stash of stickum for something of more enduring value like a carpet sweeper, a casserole dish or a toaster.

As Rabbi Kushner taught, this is the true meaning of redemption: not being saved, but the experience of being transformed into something entirely different. It is why redemption and revelation are inseparable in Jewish history.

The Israelites at Sinai knew that they would be receiving a whole new code of living. Their entire conception of life and destiny would be altered, but they had no way of knowing what this new mission would entail. And, I must confess, I feel a little like that as I embark on my presidency. Like Ruth making her commitment of faith and allegiance to Naomi, like our people at Sinai, I am making a

commitment, entering into relationship. And like the Israelites at Sinai, I and my fellow officers know there will be a large body of information transferred to us, a new set of responsibilities with a new world outlook. And I know that we will learn so much and be gifted with so much from this leadership experience, that, like those green stamps, we will be unalterably transformed.

On behalf of the officers I pledge to you, as taught to me by Ruth: Wherever you go as we work together in the coming years, I will go, your community will be my community, your People will be my People, your movement my movement, your Rabbi my Rabbi, and your shul my shul.

As I make this commitment, I am mindful that recommitting to our relationship with Judaism is what we all do. The revelation at Sinai was a public event. From this we learn that Torah can only be received and transmitted if there is a commanding sense of communal belonging and responsibility. This is a message I hope to carry with me throughout my presidency. The voice of God is heard through the many voices of the Jewish people as a whole, through the collective sense of the community, even as it was at Sinai. And so I hope to hear from each of you, and bring your voices together, as we do the sacred work of our community at Sha'ar Zahav.

Like Ruth, like the Israelites at Sinai, like the 13-year-old version of me, we are all Jews by choice. So I ask each of you to choose to be committed in your own way in the coming year. And I ask this not just because I hope that I'll have all of your help and support, but because of how meaningful it will be for each of you to renew your covenant, and become active and engaged in Judaism and in Sha'ar Zahav in a way that will work for you. I look forward to conversations with as many of you as possible in the coming months about what work of the congregation you would like to become more involved in, what will draw you in, what will re-commit you, what will make this shul your shul.

TISHA B'AV - BEYOND TRAGEDY

By Nina Wouk for the Ritual Committee

T'isha B'Av, the fast in memory of the disasters of Jewish history, falls during a season of contrast. From Pesach, when traditional Jews stop praying for rain and start praying for dew, through Simchat Torah, when the prayer for rain resumes, joyous festivals stand like islands in a sea of semi-mourning periods.

This alternation of grief and joy allows people to experience a wide range of emotion together with a community. This has a particular value for members of our fast-paced, fragmented society, in which members of the same ritual community may or may not know each other, and may or may not share personal reasons for happiness or sorrow. Ritual models the ways we can express personal feelings and hope to be understood. Equally important, it models ways to move between different feelings. This is an essential part of the observance of Tisha B'Av, which begins in desolation and ends in restoration.

At the beginning of Tisha B'Av, Jews traditionally read the Book of Eichah, a lament over the fall of Jerusalem, which

is attributed to the prophet Jeremiah. His life was one constant motion between incompatible feelings. His task as a prophet was to try to inspire righteousness in a people that he knew, both through his prophetic gift and through common sense, would not be saved from disaster by any righteous behavior.

The kingdom of Judah was doomed. The only military or political question was when the Babylonian army, which had conquered everything in its path, would reach the borders; then the question became when it would reach the capital, or break through the city walls; the final question was how much the Babylonians would destroy, how many they would kill and how many they would exile.

The Book of Jeremiah shows that he often hated his life, yet he carried out his contradictory mission. His tragic vision of the future could easily have defeated his will to promote t'shuvah, for which he could promise no reward. Instead, the tension led to a creativity that reached beyond the doomed present into the future. While he could not claim that prayer or

righteousness would save the kingdom, he could, and did, say repeatedly that following the Torah is its own reward: It cultivates a relationship with God that people can take into exile, qualities that will make survival possible under any circumstances.

The book of Eichah details the fulfillment of all Jeremiah's most horrific visions of the invasion and fall of his country—but reaches beyond. Its final words are those we echo each time we return the Torah to the ark: "Turn us, God, and we will be turned; renew us as at the beginning." Putting away the Torah scroll does not mean turning away from Torah; rather we ask for help in turning continually towards it.

This will to turn is what Tisha B'Av uniquely teaches among the Jewish yearly observances. Having found a connection with God and Torah even in the depths, we can begin the process of t'shuvah, turning from the griefs of history to preparation for the rejoicing of the New Year.



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TAKE A RISK, GET INVOLVED IN SFOP

By Jo Ellen Green Kaiser

On June 14, over 150 Sha'ar Zahavniks and San Francisco Organizing Project (SFOP) members gathered at the shul to come out on health care. The theme of the event was "take a risk."

Rabbi Angel started things off by giving a drash on Rabbi Nathan, who lived in ancient Rome. Jews came to him because they felt pressured to attend gladiator fights, and pressured when there to join the rest of the audience in the often popular thumbs-down vote for the death of the losing gladiator. Rather than suggest they silently boycott these popular events, Rabbi Nathan told Jews they were obligated to attend because their vote for life could prevail. They had a mandate to go to the arena and risk angering their fellow Romans by voting for life in order to promote justice.

On the topic of health care, the risk we are asked to take is to share our stories. Three Sha'ar Zahavniks did just that, sharing their personal struggles with getting health insurance coverage for mental

health, AIDs, chronic illness, pre-existing conditions, prescription drugs and preventative care for themselves, their families, and their employees. While everyone likes to talk about their sprained knee, talking about mental health issues or your fear of losing your insurance means taking a risk, exposing a vulnerability. But unless we all come out about our health care situation, sharing our stories, real change won't happen.

The good news is that change is happening in the city of San Francisco. Supervisor Bevan Duffy, Dr. Mitch Katz (Director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health), Julian Potter (Director of the Mayor's Office of Public Policy) and several other luminaries from city government, labor, and small business showed up to declare their support for the health care priorities CSZ and the SFOP have outlined. Those are:

1. Act in this window of opportunity to implement a health care plan for San Francisco.

2. Make the new city plan as comprehensive as possible.

3. Share health care costs fairly between those who access care, employers, and government.

4. Push for statewide and national healthcare solutions.

At this writing, it appears that the Mayor and Supervisors have come to agreement on what is being called the San Francisco Health Care Access Plan that will provide access to mental health care, preventative care, prescription drugs, inpatient care, and outpatient care on a sliding scale to all citizens in need. But we have to keep organizing to make sure this plan happens and gets implemented.

Take a risk yourself: come out for health care. To get involved, contact Richard Allman at 415-341-1450 or r-allman@pacbell.net

See what going above and beyond really means!



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Sunday, August 20, 10:30 am
at Duboce Park

Rain/Bad Weather: 4 pm Sha'ar Zahav

Join the Baby Havurah listserv
by emailing Jonathan Crosby at
yyohan@yahoo.com.

TOT SHABBAT

Saturday, July 22, from
10:30-11:30 am

There will be no Tot Shabbat in August.

FAMILY KABBALAT SHABBAT:

Friday, July 21, 6:30 pm

Friday, August 18, 6:30 pm

Dinner is vegetarian potluck—
bring a dish to share

BEIT SEFER DATES TO REMEMBER

Registration Deadline:
Friday, August 18

First Day of Beit Sefer:
Saturday, September 9

MARY JANE EISENBERG INTERVIEW *cont. from page 1*

fabulous Jewish experience as they were growing up.

JGF: Tell us more about the Jewish piece.

MJ: I was raised Jewish. When I was a kid, I really wanted to learn. But my teacher focused on a couple of boys who she taught to. The rest of the boys did what boys do and the girls passed notes in the back. I wanted to be one of those kids sitting around the desk learning, and couldn't figure out how to get there. That had a profound effect on me as I got older.

As an adult, I found myself wanting to get the education I didn't get, wanting to participate. And I have gotten much more into the spiritual aspects of Judaism as well as the ritual and history. It's just a fabulous, deep, and highly valuable tradition to be a part of, and I'd like to pass that on.

JGF: Can you give us a glimpse into the future about what you want to do with the programs here at Sha'ar Zahav?

MJ: I had a chance to watch the last day of the school and learn about the curriculum and how it's developing. I am highly impressed. At this point I want to continue on with what Sue and the CEB have started and to help move that vision forward.

I also want to work on the intergenerational part of the curriculum. It's in place, but there's a vision for it to be even stronger. I think it's wonderful for students to be connected to community members who are not their parents.

JGF: I love that. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?

MJ: I am thrilled to be here. I am looking forward to learning from my students, learning from the teachers, and having it be a good and deep experience for everyone involved. Everyone I've met, the conversations I've had, have been really deep in meaning, full of humor, and warmth, friendship and thoughtfulness, and I'm just looking forward to being a part of that.

JGF: We are too! Thanks.

FAMILY NOTES

NEW TEEN CLASS IS COMING!

Following our largest bnei mitzvah class ever, Rabbi Angel is launching a new class this fall for 8th and 9th grade students. Beginning in September, our 8th and 9th graders will be invited to join Rabbi Angel for a weekly Wednesday evening class on ethics, the Holocaust, mature Torah texts and more. We hope this new extension of Beit Sefer will provide this fine group of Jewish scholars an opportunity to continue their learning at CSZ.

WANTED: TEEN WRITERS, EDITORS, PHOTOGRAPHERS

The *Jewish Gaily Forward* seeks teens to contribute to the newsletter. We are looking for teens to write member and staff profiles, tell us about social action events, photograph everyone and every-

thing, and give us feedback. Contact JGF editor Jo Ellen Green Kaiser for info about how to contribute at jgkaiser@earthlink.net

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR BEIT SEFER PHYLLIS MINTZER

Beit Sefer registration packets are on their way! If you have not received Beit Sefer registration materials for the 2006-07/5767 school year by mid-July, please contact the Education Office. Children are eligible to begin Beit Sefer at age 5, welcome to join Beit Sefer at any time, and required to attend Beit Sefer for at least 3 years in order to complete their b'nei mitzvah training. If you have questions about Beit Sefer or about your child's Beit Sefer participation, please contact Mary Jane in the Education Office. We look forward to having you as a part of this dynamic learning community in the new year 5767.

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MAY

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Gabby Volodarsky and Ege Kozak on the occasion of their engagement.

Amanda Littauer (and Laura and Zoe Steele) on her new job as Assistant

Professor of Women's Studies and History at Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. Amanda and family have purchased a home in Mishiwaka, Indiana and will be moving in June.

Rabbi Yoel Kahn on his promotion to Associate Director of the Jewish Community Center of San Francisco.

Al & Jessie Austin on the birth of their son, Amir Malcolm Austin. Amir was born on Friday, May 12th at 11pm, weighing in at 7 pounds, 15 ounces and 19.5 inches.

Rachael Reiley and Emily Newfield, on the birth of their son, Riley Isaac Newfield. Riley was born on May, May 8 at 8:23pm, weighing 5 pounds and 13 ounces.

Reuben Raff on being awarded the Sey Hey Award for outstanding community service by a San Francisco public middle-school student (created in honor of Willie May's 75th birthday). Reuben, the inaugural winner of James Lick Middle School, won a savings bond and got to meet Willie Mays.

Devra Felder Naily on receiving the 2006 Alice Stein prize in Jewish Women's Studies from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College for her essay, "Like Roses on the Moon: Homosexuality in the Hebrew Bible."

James Carlson on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah.

Kailin Koch on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah.

Susan Langdon and Irene Ogus, on the birth of their grandson, David Owen Thor Langdon. David was born on Sunday, May 28th, weighing 8lbs and 1 ounce.

Katrina Kuzniuk and Jessie Hover on the birth of their son, Adin Sascha Kuzniuk Hover. Adin was born on Thursday, June 8th at 5:10pm, weighing in at 9 pounds, 6 ounces and was 22 inches.

Larry Best and Ming Leung, who are the lucky parents of a new baby boy, Adam, who recently joined their family. Jazmine is a very proud big sister.

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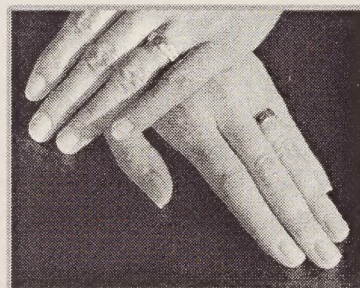
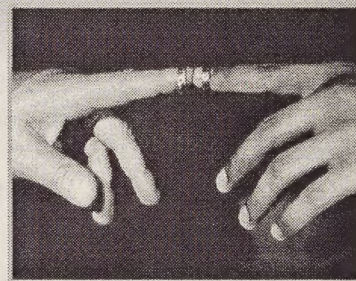
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- 8 Martin Spector and Alan Samuels
- 10 Elizabeth Katz and LeeAnn Thompson
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- 25 Ron and Ruth Miguel
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Jonathan Funk, on the loss of his cousin, Judy Davis.

Kirsten Gustavson, on the loss of her father, Gus Gustavson.

Kim Haveson-Lezin, on the loss of her grandmother, Jean Haveson.

Howard Herman, Claudia Bernard & Benjamin Bernard-Herman, on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Rae Herman.

Ron Lezell, on the loss of his mother, Sophie Lezell.

Jeffrey Lilly, on the loss of his friend, Noric Taschian.

Shelli, Marty and Sarah Rawlings-Fein, on the loss of Shelli's grandfather, Edwin Sutton.

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David Wasserman & Neil Hart, on the loss of their friend, Phyllis Bird.

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JULY

- 1 Rachel Mailman
- 4 Edwin Daniel Gabay
- 6 David Roy Custead
- 9 Alexander Louis Konski
- 17 Steven P. Berman
- 25 Seth Miller
- 30 Phillip Scott Resnick

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- 4 Jordan Berger
- 5 Ernie Weinstein
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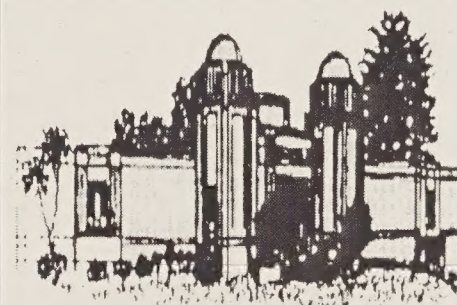
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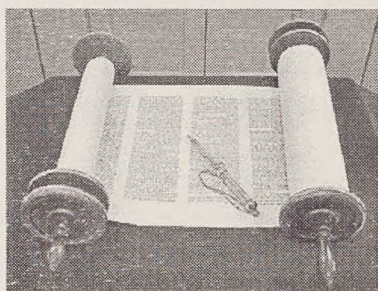
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